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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF SA-16 AND  
SA-14 MANPADS

REF: A. ALMATY 895

[1](#)B. STATE 26014

Classified By: AMBASSADOR JOHN ORDWAY, REASONS 1.4 (A), (B),  
(C), AND (D).

[1](#)1. (S) In a March 30 meeting with FM Tokayev (other issues reported septel), Ambassador reiterated Ref A request for the transfer of SA-14 and SA-16 MANPADS to the U.S. for countermeasures testing. Tokayev, although apparently not briefed on the request in advance of the meeting, responded very positively and undertook to look into the status of a response.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Comment: Post will continue to follow up with the MFA on this issue. Kazakhstani interagency approval will be required, which frequently results in lengthy delays. End comment.  
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